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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated November 2, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on February 2, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and objection in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.
Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.